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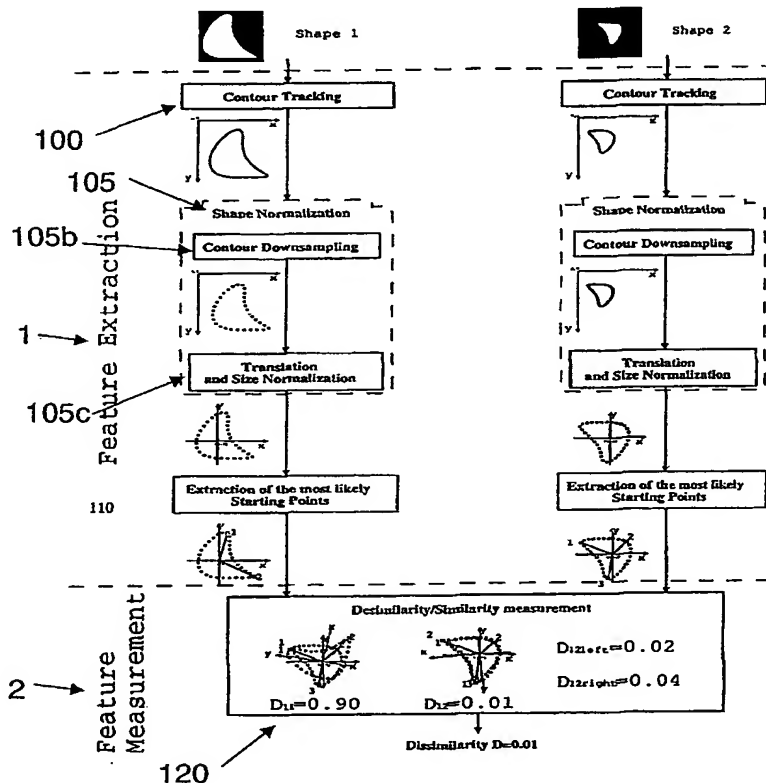
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(54) Title: **SHAPE MATCHING METHOD FOR INDEXING AND RETRIEVING MULTIMEDIA DATA**



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for indexing and retrieving multimedia data. In particular the invention provides a method of comparing at least two sets of multimedia data using shape information in order to provide a dissimilarity measure between the sets. The invention finds use in retrieving images or parts of sequences based on their content in image and video sequence databases.

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